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REMARKS:

Claims 1, 4-10, and 13-16 are currently being considered, none of which have been amended. Claim 17 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. No new claims have been added, and no new matter has been introduced. Claims 1, 4-10, and 13-16 stand allowed.

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over USP 5,799,015 (**Bennett**). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claim 17 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(b) as obvious over USP 5,799,015 (**Bennett**). Applicants traverse this rejection. Claim 17 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, all claims currently being considered are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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